

March 28, 2010 - Palm Sunday



St. Monica Catholic Elementary School students celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

st. monica catholic community

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IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Willy Raymond, CSC
Rev. David Guffey, CSC

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Monday - Friday:
6:30 and 8 a.m.; 12:10 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m.;
1:15 p.m. (Youth) and 5:30 p.m.
Holy Days:
6 p.m. (Vigil), 6:30, 8 and 10:30 a.m.;
12:15 and 6 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Monday - Friday: 5:30 - 6 p.m.
Saturday: 4:30 - 5 p.m.

COMMUNITY HOURS:

CHURCH

Sundays: 7 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Monday - Friday: 6 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Saturdays: 7:30 a.m. – 6:45 p.m.

PASTORAL CENTER

Sundays: 8:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Saturdays: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

SPIRITUALITY CENTER LIBRARY

Sundays: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
1st and 3rd Fridays: 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

BOOKSTORE

Sundays: 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
3 p.m. – 5 p.m. (by appt. only)
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Saturdays: 12 p.m. – 7 p.m.

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OUR MISSION: TO FORM LOVING DISCIPLES WHO WILL TRANSFORM THE WORLD

pastor's corner

My brothers and sisters – we have been “On a Journey Together,” through five and half weeks of Lenten reflection. This weekend is Palm Sunday, and we enter Jerusalem with Jesus, as



the journey moves inexorably into the crescendo of Holy Week. Our parish reconciliation service this Tuesday evening will offer a time to come together in quiet contemplation of our humanness. We will wash each other's feet and remember the first Eucharist at our beautiful Holy Thursday Mass. On Good Friday, we will agonize over the pain humanity inflicted upon our Lord Jesus Christ. And then, at the dark hour, we will hold candles together and usher in the Easter Vigil and the new members of our church on Holy Saturday.

And so Easter is almost upon us. Easter, like Christmas, is one of our most joyous occasions of the year, as we welcome so many folks from far and wide, to join us in the celebration of our risen Christ. We will be offering coffee for those who are waiting in line for our many liturgies. Please note that this year, we will have a 5:30 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.

Our SMASH Dinner and Auction is coming up at the end of April, and will be held at the Jonathan Club this year. This annual event is a wonderful opportunity to support the education of students in both of our schools, as well as the lay leaders and volunteers of our community. These two groups are part of the realization of our mission as a community – to form disciples who will transform the world. Please join us for this occasion. More information can be found on page 5 of our bulletin.

Have a blessed Holy Week.

Msgr. Lloyd Torgerson, Pastor
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Administration

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

GOOD FRIDAY OFFERTORY

On Good Friday, our Parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest places. Please be generous.

TOGETHER IN MISSION “I GIVE THANKS TO YOU OH LORD.”

2010 Goal: \$214,000

Pledges to Date: \$132,454

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday, March 27, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Monday, March 29, 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 30, 7:30 p.m. Communal Liturgy of Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 31, 5:00-7:00 p.m. * Thursday, April 1, 8:30-10:00 a.m.

Please note: NO Confessions on Good Friday or Holy Saturday.

SEDER DINNER - Saturday, March 27, 6:30 p.m. Auditorium

MASSES AND SERVICES

Palm Sunday, March 28:

5:30 p.m. Saturday, 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m., 1:15 and 5:30 p.m. Sunday

Monday, March 29, Tuesday, March 30, and Wednesday, March 31:

Daily Mass at 6:30 & 8:00 a.m., and 12:10 p.m.

Thursday, April 1, Friday, April 2, and Saturday, April 3: 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Holy Thursday, April 1: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m.

Adoration at the Altar of Repose after the 7:30 Mass until midnight in the Auditorium.

Night Prayer at 12:00 midnight

Good Friday, April 2:

12:00 Noon, Solemn Liturgy, Holy Communion, and Veneration of the Cross
2:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross

7:30 p.m., Solemn Liturgy, Holy Communion, and Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 3: Easter Vigil Liturgy at 7:30 p.m.

*This Mass satisfies the Easter obligation * Please note: NO 5:30 p.m. Mass on Holy Saturday*

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 4

Mass in the Church: 6:30, 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m., and 1:15 and 5:30 p.m.

Mass in the Gymnasium: 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Mass in the Auditorium: 9:45 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.

Extra parking will be available at Crown Parking, 1211 7th Street, south of Wilshire Blvd.

“BUILDING our future” update


imagine As graduation and wedding season nears, consider a gift to the Campaign in tribute to your loved one. Say congratulations by donating to the Campaign in their name, and you will be giving a gift of a legacy that will last a lifetime. Tribute gift cards are available; call the Campaign office at (310) 566-1537. Be a part of the Campaign.

PLEDGED: \$16 million

GOAL: \$27 million

BLDG. START: 2011

INFORMATION: www.stmonica.net/campaign

The Campaign
for St. Monica 
Catholic Community

HOLY WEEK

Daily Mass this week, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday will be at 6:30 and 8:00 am and 12:10 pm. There will be no daily Mass on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday. **Morning Prayer** will be held in the Church at 8:00 am.

Our parish celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be Tuesday, March 30 at 7:30 pm. A number of priests will be visiting to assist with the service.

Eucharistic Ministers are needed to assist with the Liturgies of Easter Sunday. The greatest need is in the Church at 6:30 am, 1:15 pm and 5:30 pm; in the Auditorium at 9:45 am and 11:45 am; in the Gymnasium at 11:30 am. Please contact **Sylvia Eberherr** at Eberherr@earthlink.net or **Kathy Crewse** at kmcrewse@earthlink.net if you would be willing to serve.

The Triduum (see schedule on opposite page) is the climax of our Catholic liturgical calendar and celebrates the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ in three distinct celebrations focusing on different aspects of the center of our faith.

On Holy Thursday at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, we remember what Jesus did on the night before he died; he gave the gift of a sacred meal-- the Eucharist. Two aspects of this are highlighted, the giving of his Body and Blood, as recounted in the First Letter to the Corinthians, and the call to service from John's Gospel account of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. The challenge is given to us, "as I have done, so must you do." We invite you to bring bells from home to ring during the singing of the Glory to God, symbolic of calling us to celebrate with all our might the paschal mystery of Jesus.

On Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, the Church meditates on the Passion of the Lord, venerates the Cross, commemorates its origin from the side of Christ on the Cross, and intercedes for the salvation of the whole world in extended general intercessions. On this day the Church does not celebrate Eucharist, but gives Holy Communion from the bread consecrated on Holy Thursday. Good Friday is a day of abstinence from meat and fasting which means we are called to limit our eating and consuming on this day.

At The Easter Vigil, called the "mother of all vigils," the church keeps watch, celebrating the resurrection of Christ in the sacraments and awaiting his return in glory. It is the turning point of the Triduum, the Passover of the new covenant which marks Christ's passage from death to life. It is the night when we celebrate the baptism, confirmation and Eucharist with our Elect. Easter Sunday the Church throughout the world celebrates with all her might the triumph of Christ in his victory over the grave. We are blessed with Easter water and renew the promises made at our Baptism.

FAITH-SHARING QUESTIONS

THEME: Jesus shows us how much he truly loves us.

ADULTS: In your own words, what does the suffering and death of Christ mean to you?

CHILDREN: In your own words, what does the suffering and death of Christ mean to you?

EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Sunday, March 28, 2010

Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 -- 23:56

7:30 am Michael Ho† Fr. Tim
9:30 am Luis Benito Jimenez† Msgr. Lloyd
11:30 am St. Monica Parishioners Fr. David
1:15 pm Pat Baker† Fr. Willy
5:30 pm Thomas Edward Sullivan† Msgr. Lloyd

Monday, March 29, 2010 | *Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11*

Tuesday, March 30, 2010 | *Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38*

6:30 am Gaspar Echavez†
8:00 am William Zolper
12:10 pm Thomas & Lena Ricci†

Wednesday, March 31, 2010 | *Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25*

6:30 am Pedro Palana†
8:00 am St. Monica Class of 1949†
12:10 pm Bessie Lee Huysert†

Thursday, April 1, 2010 | *Ex 12:1-14; Ps 116; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15*

7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 2, 2010 | *Is 52:13—53:12; Ps 31; Heb 4:14-5:9; Jn 18:1—19:42*

12:00 noon Solemn Liturgy
7:30 pm Solemn Liturgy

Saturday, April 3, 2010 | *Gn 1: 1 -- 2:2*

5:30 pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 4, 2010

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4

Church

6:30 am Jesus & Carol Casillas† Fr. Tim
8:00 am Theresa MacLoud Fr. David
9:30 am Fran Curry Fr. Willy
11:30 am Carlina & Larry Casey Msgr. Lloyd
1:15 pm St. Monica Parishioners Fr. Tim
5:30 pm Frances Ezrin† Msgr. Lloyd

Gym

9:30 am Fr. Tim
11:30 am Fr. David

Auditorium

9:45 am Msgr. Lloyd
11:45 pm Fr. Willy

To have a special intention said for someone during a Mass, please speak with a Receptionist in the Pastoral Center.

CONFESSIONS

Monday Fr. Stan

Tuesday 7:30 pm Penance Service

Wednesday 5:00 – 7:00 pm Msgr. Lloyd & Fr. Tim

6:00 – 7:00 pm Fr. David & Fr. Willy

Thursday 8:30 – 10:00 am Msgr. Lloyd, Fr. Tim, Fr. Willy

Friday NONE

Saturday NONE

INTERCESSIONS

Pray for the Sick

Donna Garcia, Oscar Garcia, Joanne Kalin, Anne Lombardi, Rudy Morris, Stanley Nichols, Marilyn Samson, Kathy Wall Stefanow

Pray for the Dead

Katherine Margaret Wood, Jessica "Jessie" Ettenger, Stella Donatoni

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Mark Lewis and Marisa Espinoza

ST. MONICA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ST. PATRICK COMES TO ST. MONICA CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Everywhere you looked on March 17th, there was the color green. It was Green n' Jeans day, and everyone was wearing green, even Dr. Quinly was sporting a green shamrock tie.



During the day, the students attended a prayer service led by Saint Patrick (5th grader Abraham Kennedy), and watched our After-School Enrichment Irish Step Dancing class show us the dances they were learning. The Kindergarten made Irish Soda Bread, and played the Irish Potato game.

Every year the money raised for Green n' Jeans Day is given to

our sister school, St. James Primary in Dandora, Kenya. It was a fun day, enjoyed by all!



SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

The fun and learning don't end after school at St. Monica's!

The after-school enrichment program offers three sessions of dynamic, educational, and athletic classes throughout the school year. The program strives to bring unique and different learning opportunities each session, such as: Jedi Training, Jump Squad, Funky Divas, Skateboard Deck Design, and Ceramics. We also offer several core classes that allow the children the opportunity to enjoy long-term growth and mastery of skills. These popular classes include Ken-Po Karate, Broadway Gymnastics, Chess, and Irish Dancing (Beginning and Intermediate).

Each session, 12 to 15 classes are offered, and approximately 100 children from Kindergarten to 8th grade are enrolled in the classes.

A full program of competitive CYO Sports (Go Seahawks!), tutoring, and Choir are also offered to keep our children hopping after school!

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ST. MONICA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

ST. MONICA CHOIRS ENTERTAIN ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH

Youth Day is held annually on the Thursday of the Religious Education Congress weekend at the Anaheim Convention Center. High school students from throughout the Archdiocese come together to participate in a day of workshops, culminating in a youth rally.

Members of SMCHS' esteemed choir, The Rainbow Riders, and of the parish's youth choir, Monica's Joy, as well as several SMCHS alumni, joined together to perform at the youth rally for a crowd of approximately 10,000. St. Monica students, alums, and parishioners were also the featured entertainment for a Congress concert the following night.



St. Monica Catholic High School offers numerous opportunities for students to become involved. For more information about the Rainbow Riders and all other student activity opportunities, please visit our website at www.stmonicaahs.org/activities

BE A MARINER!

SMCHS is still accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year for grades 9-11. Please contact **Ms. Therese Charkut, Director of Admissions**, at (310) 394-3701 x1412 for more information or visit our website at www.stmonicaahs.org to apply online.

MENTOR A MARINER!

The SMCHS Guidance Department is looking for parishioners to participate in Career Day on Friday, April 30th. If interested please contact **Mrs. Danielle Rakowski x1418** or drakowski@stmonicaahs.net

Alex Chacon, Assistant Principal: Director of Advancement
(310) 394-3701, x1413 | achacon@stmonicaahs.net

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION

FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

GRADES 1-8, ECE

No classes today, March 28 nor next Sunday, Easter. Next classes will be held on Sunday, April 11.

Marie Slaton (Sunday through Thursday)

Family Religious Education Coordinator

(310) 395-8903 | marie@stmonica.net

YOUTH MINISTRY

TEEN CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

There is no class today, Sunday, March 28.

MASS ON THE BEACH

The next class session for Year 1 will be on April 11th. We will be celebrating Mass on the beach together!

Year 2 will be celebrating Mass on the beach together on April 18.

S.M.A.S.H. (ST. MONICA ACADEMIC & SPIRITUAL HERITAGE)

Dinner & Auction—April 17th

The Jonathan Club – Santa Monica

Feeling inundated with S.M.A.S.H. information? You're not alone!! We have been feeling like a broken record lately but giving a voice to this phenomenal event and offering our St. Monica Catholic Community continual encouragement to get involved by donating auction items, purchasing tickets, or making donations are necessary for its success. Your involvement is paramount. S.M.A.S.H. is celebrating its 17th anniversary because of the generosity of St. Monica parishioners. Please consider participating in this year's S.M.A.S.H. fundraiser.

Tickets to our 17th annual dinner and auction (proceeds are for scholarship assistance to benefit the needy students in our high school and elementary school) are on sale after masses this weekend. This is a great opportunity to come together as a community and truly support these two wonderful schools.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Tickets will be available after mass this weekend and next. You can also buy tickets for the \$10,000 raffle after masses. To reserve your seat or get your raffle ticket, visit the S.M.A.S.H. table in the Duval Center or call Alex Chacon at 310-394-3701 x1413.

community life and groups

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

CASTING CALL

Singers, musicians, artists, poets, comics, etc., WANTED! Come share your talents with a great audience at the YMA Coffeehouse on Friday, April 23rd! Please contact **Marita** (Marita.pfox@gmail.com) or (310) 293-1080 or **Matt** (mattstroud@gmail.com) or (310) 663 5933 soon if interested in performing or helping with Coffee House 2010.

TTF SOCIAL

Join our Thirty Five through Forties Ministry by stopping by our monthly Social after the 5:30 Mass today, Sunday, March 28 - TTF Social. We'll be over in the Trepp Center (2nd) enjoying an evening of great conversation, good wines, and light refreshments. It's a terrific way to both catch up with old friends and meet new ones as well. For more about this event, please contact us at st.monicattf@yahoo.com or **Gerard** at (310) 430-0101 or **Karen** at (310) 464-7337.

GLO ROSARY

The GLO Rosary Group gathers at 4:45pm on the last Sunday of each month. Not a member of GLO? No problem! All are welcome to join us upstairs in the Spirituality Center today, Sunday, March 28th, to pray for world peace and honor our Blessed Mother. If you have any questions about the GLO Rosary Group, please contact **Michael** at kaczboa@yahoo.com

50 & OVER RETREAT

Our 50 and Over Ministry will have their annual Spring Day Retreat April 24th, 2010, 9am to 5pm, in the Spirituality Center. Guest retreat leader and author, Douglas Leal, will share biblical reflections on the journey of life. \$25 per person covers materials, continental breakfast, and lunch. Retreat registration flyer at the Welcome Table and Pastoral Center.

BAKE SALE

Sponsored today by:

El Hogar

Please join them in the patio after Mass for coffee and donuts.

The Community Life and Groups Ministries of St. Monica provide numerous opportunities for participation through a variety of groups and activities that enrich the faith of our community through fellowship.

TIME TO RETREAT

The definition of a retreat is to retire, withdraw, or move back from the ordinary. It doesn't mean hiding away; it really is an opportunity to get away from your job, your school, your habits, your typical meeting place, and your regular schedule in order to see life anew and contemplate your walk with God.

While a modern retreat does not require that you give up all of your possessions, a proper retreat will require that you are willing to give up a bit of time, your electronics, and your attachment to unrealistic expectations. While the world requires a certain business and busy-ness from each person, the importance of taking time to pray or meditate cannot be stressed enough.

Several of our parish Community Life Ministries are sponsoring a variety of retreats this spring just so you can do that...retreat. Watch the bulletin and Welcome Table for details and flyers or call the contacts listed below.

2010 YOUNG ADULT SPRING RETREAT: APRIL 30 - MAY 2

Organize your Spiritual Playlist: Syncing with God Serra Retreat Center in Malibu

Come join us for an overnight retreat of Spiritual Reflection and Renewal at Serra Retreat Center in Malibu! St. Monica YMA (Young Ministering Adults) invites all singles and couples in their 20s and 30s for a weekend of faith and fellowship as we reflect on what is on the playlists of our lives and what we can do to cut out the white noise and get more in sync with God. Activities throughout the weekend will include individual prayer, silent reflection, small group discussions, interactive exercises, and fellowship.

The retreat begins Friday, April 30th. Arrival: 5:30 pm Dinner (optional), 7:00 pm Check-In, and ends on Sunday -Departure: 12:30 pm Lunch, Departure any time after lunch.

RETREAT COST: \$200 per person for a double occupancy room. \$260 for single occupancy. Retreat cost includes room & board, meals and program materials. Financial assistance and payment plans

available. Contact **Delis G. Alejandro, Pastoral Associate**, at delis@stmonica.net Contact Retreat leaders **Sara Cassone: saracassone@gmail.com** or **Roy Nwaissier: roy@netraction.com**

2010 TTF URBAN RETREAT

Thirty Five through 40s Ministry Friday and Saturday, April 16th & 17th 2010

Coming to the Center

St. Monica Spirituality Center

Is your life going OK, but it's not quite what you dreamed about as a child? Did you ever have a different picture of what you thought your life would look like by now? Married with children perhaps? Owning a home or a business? Being world traveled or famous? Is your faith in God in line with the priorities in your life currently? Do you feel truly centered and joyful?

Many of us in our thirties and forties wrestle with these questions and long for acceptance and true peace of where we are in our lives. We invite you to come share a brand new retreat experience to inspire and renew your spirit and reveal God as the center of your life.

Retreat costs \$60.00 include meals and materials. Contact **Christine Gerety, (310) 566-1530** or the **TTF Spirituality Committee** at tffspirituality@yahoo.com

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE UPCOMING GLO RETREAT

Friday & Saturday, May 14th & 15th, 2010 St. Monica Spirituality Center

SAVE THE DATE! The GLO Retreat is scheduled for May 14 - 15 and will take place on the parish grounds. This year's theme is "We Are All Disciples." If you would like to help plan the retreat, please contact **Val** at umboto@gmail.com or **Frank** at frmckown@verizon.net

Delis G. Alejandro, Pastoral Associate (310) 566-1500 x1532 | delis@stmonica.net

adult spirituality and enrichment

The Adult Spirituality and Enrichment Ministries of St. Monica provide many opportunities for ongoing faith formation and enrichment for adults.

WELCOME HOME

Are you a returning Catholic who...

-is looking for a good place to ask some questions?

-has some catching up to do in the area of scripture and church teaching?

-is interested in developing your life of faith and prayer?

If you answered "YES" to any or all of these questions, you are invited to our "Welcome Home" series, Tuesdays, April 13 through May 18, in the Pastoral Center. Please contact **Sr. Catherine** to RSVP (310) 566-1536.

RCIA INQUIRY

Are you interested in learning about Catholicism?

Maybe you have never received the sacraments of Baptism or Holy Communion. If you would like to come to a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith through the sacraments, please contact the RCIA- we offer year-round classes in Catholic faith studies. Our new RCIA group began on January 4th, 2010.

The RCIA is currently enrolling new members for classes. Please call **Sr. Catherine** for an appointment at (310) 566-1500 x1540 or e-mail her at srcatherine@stmonica.net

SPIRITUALITY OF THE TWELVE STEPS

Tuesdays at 7:30 pm, Trepp A&B

Led by Herb Kaighan, this workshop uses the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous to focus on personal transformation and spiritual awakening through a precise working of all twelve steps. This workshop is not affiliated with any twelve-step fellowship; it is all inclusive. All are welcome. For more information, call **Herb** at (310) 377-3194.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Contemplative Prayer meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7:30 pm, Trepp A & B

Join Dr. Jim Finley for an evening of reflection and contemplative meditation.

Each evening begins with a reflection by Dr. Finley, followed by approximately one hour of sitting and walking meditation. All who are interiorly drawn to silent meditation as a way of experiencing God's presence in their lives are encouraged to attend.

There are no sessions in April. Sessions resume on May 6th and 20th

Contemplative Prayer Lent Sessions will be held every Wednesday morning during Lent at 5:30 am.

Sr. Catherine, Pastoral Associate
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CALLING ALL ENGAGED COUPLES: "START RIGHT, STAY CONNECTED"

"Start Right, Stay Connected" is coming to St. Monica on Saturday, April 10! This is a one-day workshop based on the bestselling work of Harville Hendrix ("Getting the Love You Want") and designed to give you the tools you need to create a successful, lasting marriage. The workshop will introduce you to a new way to dialogue with your partner that is a simple, respectful, and effective way to communicate about the things that really matter. In a matter of hours, you will create a vision for your marriage, learn how to "affair-proof" your marriage and keep romance alive, learn how to remove negativity from your relationship and deal with relationship "hot buttons," and experience God through your marriage.

The "Start Right, Stay Connected" workshop will be facilitated by certified Imago Relationship Therapists and St. Monica Marriage Preparation Team members Mary Kay Cocharo, MFT and Michael DiPaolo, Ph.D. The workshop is Saturday, April 10, from 9-6. The program will be repeated on June 5.

The fee is \$175 per couple and includes workbooks, supplies, and a light continental breakfast. Registration is required and can be made by contacting Mary Kay Cocharo at 310-828-2624 or mkcocharo@aol.com

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

FOUNDATIONS

Gather together during Lent and share the blessings of your faith experience with others! Foundations Ministry is pleased to announce two community-wide faith-sharing offerings for Lent. 40 DAYS OF LOVE & CHOCOLATE FOR LENT, two unique settings designed with small group discussion and reflection in mind. Program materials are available for existing and forming groups and ministries of any size. Contact **Julie Dwyer** at (310) 566-1500 x1549 for more details.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Wednesdays at 7:30 pm
Spirituality Center

This group meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm. There is an informal introductory session for newcomers at 7:00 pm. Contact **Marie McAdam** at desertwisdom@earthlink.net or (818) 906-3904.

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EL HOGAR RETURNS

El Hogar Ministry is loading up another caravan of fun and fellowship to this orphanage in Tijuana, Mexico, on Saturday, April 24th. Charter bus leaves the parish at 7 am and participants arrive back in Santa Monica between 8 and 9 pm. \$55 covers transportation and lunch with the children and staff. Donations of flip-flops and hair shampoo and conditioner also welcomed. Donations can be delivered to St. Monica Pastoral Center by April 17th or you can register for the trip and drop off your donation after Masses the weekends of April 11th and 18th. Contact Ministry Chairs **Johanna Jara** at johannadreamer@yahoo.com or **Robyn Meaney** at rmeaney@gmail.com if you have any questions. Registration forms available at the Welcome Table or Pastoral Center.

LOAVES AND FISHES FOOD DRIVE

The easiest (and most requested!) method of helping the local poor and hungry is to provide non-perishable food items, toiletries, and needed supplies to local food banks for distribution to those in need. You can help by supporting the St. Monica Catholic Community Loaves and Fishes Monthly Food Drive. Donations collected in April will benefit the St. Joseph Center Food Bank.

Due to Easter Sunday, bags for your donation will be available at the Duval Center and Pastoral Center on March 28th (bins are located in the Duval Center) and this month's drive will be held on April 11th. Place your donations in the bins provided outside of Church. The most commonly needed items are canned vegetables, fruits, soups, meats and fish, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, peanut butter, hot and cold cereals, flour, beans, pasta and rice.

The Peace and Justice Ministries of St. Monica Parish Community seek through education, and advocacy to transform ourselves and those we serve by responding to the Christ in everyone. Our ministries provide opportunities to reach out to those in need and learn more about our Catholic faith's call to justice.

UPDATE ON HABITAT WINTER OLYMPICS

Dr. William Ward once wrote, "A house is made of walls and beams; a home is built with love and dreams," and both house and home were on the mind of St. Monica's Habitat ministry volunteers and the 130 guests that attended the Winter Olympic Fundraiser on Saturday, February 13, 2010 in our auditorium. Amidst 'blue toboggan' drinks, winter sports paraphernalia galore, the live music of Angela Wood, and fantastic multi-cultural food, donors and guests felt like they were transported to an exclusive lodge in the snow nestled near Vancouver itself!

The evening was kicked off by our emcee Mike O'Malley who introduced Father Tim Klosterman who gave a fabulous

opening prayer. Our special guests, Betty Monroy and her daughter Dominique, then shared their Habitat experience and the gift of working on and living in their own home.

Some guests took on the sportiness of the event, whereas others preferred the stiff "competition" at the raffle tables. Guests feverishly bought up raffle tickets at \$1 a piece, in order to win items of value well worth over \$10,000. Highlights included an autographed 2008 Olympic podium jacket by gold medalist Brandon Slay, a photo session with celebrity photographer Anna Webber, personal training with Craig Stocker of United Fitness and Erika Jacobson of Bravo TV's "Workout," Wii bundles autographed by the artists at Neversoft, and of course – one of the most popular items, surfing and lunch at Mariasol on the pier with Fr. Tim.

While guests were involved in 'mind' play

at the raffle area, other guests were involved in 'serious' play, challenging each other to Winter Olympic games at the numerous Wii stations set up throughout the auditorium --- some even managing to take home the gold! Meanwhile, others took on teams and individuals in 'games of skills' building houses from recycled materials or trying their hand at indoor curling or hockey shot. Competition was in the air, but so was camaraderie, as many others just chilled out and enjoyed the exceptional ambience, the fantastic music and drinks, the food from around the world, and – most importantly – each other.

A good time was had by all, and the ministry raised over \$2,000 for Habitat, all of which will go directly towards building both walls and dreams!



Many thanks go out to all our sponsors, guests, and volunteers, especially actor/director/writer Mike O'Malley, who hosted the event and kept us all in stitches and smiles. Habitat's main theme is "help build houses and hope,"

and the St. Monica community can rest assured they did just that!

If you would like to learn more about Habitat for Humanity and the ministry here at the parish, please contact co-chairs **Chris Mercurio** at cmercu01@gmail.com or **Marc Lifrieri** thomasaquinas@verizon.net

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Pastoral Care Ministries consist of ministries in which parishioners can receive help in time of need and where parishioners of all ages – in the spirit of stewardship – volunteer their time, talent and spiritual energy to bring the heart and hands of Jesus Christ to those who need comfort and care.

WHAT'S NEW FROM OUR PASTORAL CARE MINISTRIES

OUR NEXT BEREAVEMENT GROUP BEGINS IN APRIL

Our Bereavement Group meets for an eleven-week session, and is open to anyone who is still grieving a loved one through death, whether the loss occurred recently or many years ago. The group is a peer support group, co-facilitated by two trained leaders. Our next session begins on April 8, 2010, with an orientation meeting in the Spirituality Center. The fee for the group is \$25, but scholarships are available if necessary. If you would like to register for the group, or have any questions about whether the group is right for you, please contact **Christine** at christine@stmonica.net or (310) 566-1530.

PHOENIX MINISTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

When life is good, make it better by helping someone. Were you separated, divorced, maybe had an annulment, maybe remarried? Are you a good listener, a calm personality, and enjoy people? If you are answering yes and have healed from a divorce, then you have what the ministry needs. Your insights into your experiences offer others hope. Your presence can be a light in their darkness that leads them from desperation to healing.

Saint Monica's Phoenix Ministry offers a twelve-week program for people going through a separation or divorce. As you recall, when the marriage fails, you stand in a storm of emotion, heartbreak, pain, and isolation. Every Wednesday a small group gathers to share and support one another. They are in a protected place, they are open, honest, and they help each other move towards healing.

Our journeys through separation and divorce give us insights that we can share with those just starting out. Your experiences and thoughts about the time following your marriage breakup are valuable to those starting out on that road. You can use your troubling experience, which was very

difficult for you, and turn it into something good for someone else in Phoenix. There is someone who needs to hear they are not alone, that others have felt what they are feeling, that you survived it and healed from it. You have so much to offer. Was there someone who did that for you in your troubled time? Trust in the Holy Spirit to lead you on your path and be that person.

Please consider contacting us and discussing the possibility of joining the Phoenix Ministry. Contact **Ed** at Ed_Hallen@oxy.com; **Jynyvy** at Jynyvy@yahoo.com

ST. JUDE AUTOIMMUNE SUPPORT GROUP

Join us for education and support on the first Monday night of the month at 5:30pm in the Pastoral Center. We have three meetings remaining before our summer break, on April 5th, May 3rd, and June 7th. Make a point to join us. Contact **Pala** at LAsylum@aol.com for more information.

ALWAYS BEGINNING-SPECIAL EVENTS FOR OLDER ADULTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

There will not be a luncheon in April, however, we will be hosting 2 events for our seniors in May. Please be sure to call **Marcus** (310) 566-1540 no later than April 28th if you would like to be our guest for the matinee performance of "Seussical The Musical," a St. Monica Catholic High School production on Saturday, May 1, at 2:00 pm in the auditorium. The show is filled with great songs and lots of dancing.....a great way to spend a spring afternoon, so please join us.

Our regular May luncheon will be held on Friday, May 7, after the 12:10 Mass. We have a special treat for all of you, so don't miss it, and don't forget to call Marcus for your reservation. Have a wonderful Easter. We'll see you in May.

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THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

HELP FOR TOUGH TIMES

During these times of economic challenges in our country we at St. Monica would like to remind you of parish ministries available to support you or others.

Our Stephen Ministry provides one-on-one pastoral care for individuals experiencing a wide range of life's stressors— loss of a loved one, hospitalization, separation or divorce, loneliness or discouragement, spiritual crises, unemployment or job crises, a chronic illness, a terminal illness, incarceration, aging, relocation, recovery after an accident, birth, adoption, miscarriage, and/or infertility. Stephen Ministers receive intensive training to prepare them for ministry. If you are interested in being a care receiver or are interested in how to be a Stephen Minister, please call (310) 566-1575. A Stephen Leader will return your call within a day.

If you would like to speak to a priest, please visit or contact the Pastoral Center. Call the **Pastoral Center** at (310) 566-1500. Office hours are Sunday thru Friday, 8:30 am to 8:30 pm and on Saturday 8:30 am to 5 pm.

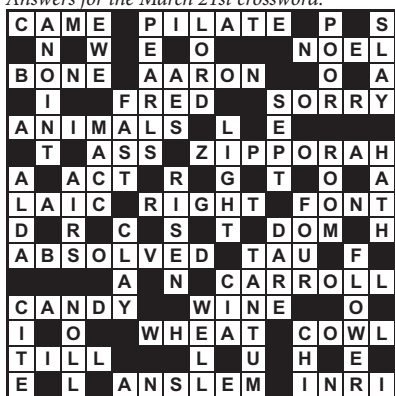
PHOENIX MINISTRY

The Phoenix Ministry is a peer support group for those experiencing a separation and/or divorce. We gather on Wednesday nights, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Spirituality Center Library. For more information, please visit our table in the Duval Center after Mass, or contact **Jynyvy** at (310) 857-8209 or jynyvy@yahoo.com or **Ed** at (310) 824-3380.

Fun for the Family

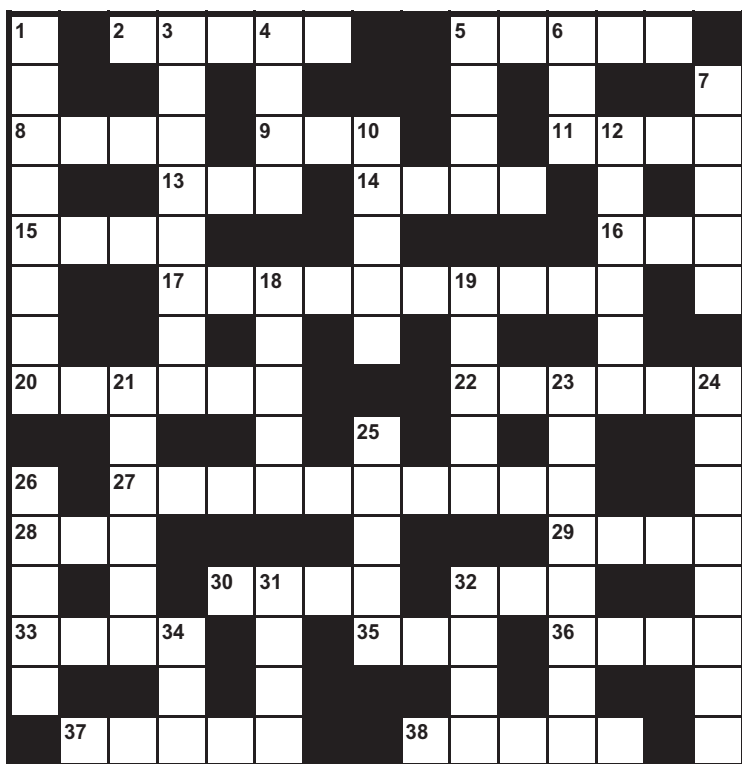
- COMMEND MY SPIRIT
- FATHER
- FINISHED
- FORGIVE
- FORSAKEN
- INTO YOUR HANDS
- KNOW NOT
- MOTHER
- MY GOD
- PARADISE
- SON
- THIRSTY
- TODAY
- WHAT THEY DO
- WOMAN

Answers for the March 21st crossword.



SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS

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ACROSS

- 2 Eden fruit?
- 5 Ite, ___ est
- 8 Prophet in Luke (Lk 2:36)
- 9 OT prophetic bk.
- 11 "...my brother, co-worker, and comrade in ___" (Phil 2:25)
- 13 Eve beginner
- 14 First place
- 15 ___ et Orbi (papal speech)
- 16 "Can any of you by worrying ___ a single moment to your life?" (Mt 6:27)
- 17 Made holy
- 20 Liturgical year start
- 22 Early landing place
- 27 Priestly
- 28 Number of sacraments, in Roman numerals
- 29 "Tantum ___"
- 30 What Andrew and Peter caught for a living
- 32 NT epistle
- 33 Holy ___
- 35 ___ pro nobis
- 36 "___ to us a child is born"
- 37 Catalog of saints
- 38 The table

DOWN

- 1 Penitential prayer
- 3 Jewish group at the time of Jesus
- 4 "Behold the ___ of God"
- 5 Surname of St. Thomas
- 6 The Dead ___
- 7 "When I became a man I put ___ childish things" (1 Cor 13:11)
- 10 People St. Patrick converted
- 12 Lector
- 18 Start of a church?
- 19 Solemn holy day
- 21 Beatific ___
- 23 Word of praise and joy
- 24 The study of God
- 25 The Diocese of Boise is here
- 26 Home of St. Teresa
- 31 The Garden of Eden might have been in this modern-day state
- 32 Vocation
- 34 Daniel was in the lion's ___

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BEREAVEMENT Christine Gerety, x1531	50 + (ADULTS, 50 & OVER) Delis Alejandro, x1530	PARISH COUNCIL Co-chair: Geoconda Ruiz-Hoffman, x1500	VOLUNTEERS Jim Carper, x1504
BOOKKEEPING Donna Damian, x1506	FACILITY RESERVATIONS (310) 566-1500	PEACE & JUSTICE Delis Alejandro, x1530; Christine Gerety, x1531	WEBSITE Jason Farmer, x1510
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BOUTIQUE Toni Miller, (310) 393-7907		PRIESTS IN RESIDENCE Rev. David Guffey, CSC, x1573 Rev. Willy Raymond, CSC, x1572	YMA (YOUNG ADULTS, 20s & 30s) Delis Alejandro, x1530
		RCIA Sr. Catherine Ryan, x1540	YOUTH MINISTRY Fr. Tim Klosterman x1505

in the neighborhood

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: RELAY FOR LIFE

The American Cancer Society is having a *Relay for Life* event in Santa Monica Saturday, July 10th, 2010. Relay for Life (as seen on Extreme Makeover: Home Edition January 31st) is an inspirational event that celebrates survivorship, and honors the memory of loved ones while promoting the fight against cancer. If you would like to participate in this event, please contact **Sonia** at (310) 348-0357, x 233, or e-mail spinal@cancer.org.

BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Advertising space is now available on the back of our bulletin. Questions regarding St. Monica bulletin ads can be directed to Nicole (310) 562-0888. The bulletin is a good way to increase exposure for your business and find new customers. It is given out to about 3,000 parishioners. Many of these people are so local they can walk or drive to your location. The bulletin ads also support our parish. Prices start at \$10 per week and she will help you with the wording and design of your ad.

HELP OUR COLLECTION COUNTERS

You can help our collection counters by unfolding bills before they are put in the collection basket. All folded money needs to be opened and flattened out before a bank deposit can be made. This takes up a large part of the time of these dedicated volunteers. Thank you.



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Sunday: 7:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
 Monday - Friday: 6:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
 Saturday: 7:30 a.m. - 6:45 p.m.

PASTORAL CENTER

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
 Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
 Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SPIRITUALITY CENTER LIBRARY

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 1st and 3rd Fridays: 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

BOOKSTORE

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 5:00-7:30 p.m.
 Saturday: 12:00 - 7:00 p.m.

FAITH-SHARING QUESTIONS

THEME: Jesus shows us how much he truly loves us.

ADULTS: In your own words, what does the suffering and death of Christ mean to you?

CHILDREN: In your own words, what does the suffering and death of Christ mean to you?

THIS WEEK: MARCH 28 - APRIL 3

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
PALM SUNDAY BOOKSTORE OPEN 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. BABY SITTING Available at 5:30 Mass (D) TTF SOCIAL 7:00 p.m. (T)	RCIA MONDAY NIGHT 7:30 p.m. (T) MEN'S CORNERSTONE 7:00 p.m. (D) SACRAMENT OF PENANCE 5:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. (C)	COMMUNAL LITURGY OF RECONCILIATION 7:30 p.m. (C) WOMEN'S ACA 7:00 p.m. (D) LEGION OF MARY 7:00 p.m. (SC) SPIRITUALITY 12 STEPS 7:30 p.m. (T)	MORNING PRAYER WITH JIM FINLEY 5:30 a.m. (SC) BOUTIQUE 9:00 a.m. (D) SACRAMENT OF PENANCE 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. (C) CHRISTIAN MEDITATION 7:30 p.m. (SPC) SEPARATED AND DIVORCED (PHOENIX MINISTRY) 7:00 p.m. (SC)	HOLY THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER 8:00 a.m. (C) SACRAMENT OF PENANCE 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. (C) MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7:30 p.m. (C) ADORATION AT THE ALTAR OF REPOSE After 7:30 Mass until midnight (A) NIGHT PRAYER 12:00 midnight (A)	GOOD FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER 8:00 a.m. (C) FIRST FRIDAY EXPOSITION (SC) SOLEMN LITURGY AND VENERATION OF THE CROSS 12:00 noon (C) STATIONS OF THE CROSS 2:30 p.m. (C) SOLEMN LITURGY AND VENERATION OF THE CROSS 7:30 p.m. (C)	HOLY SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER 8:00 a.m. (C) EASTER VIGIL 7:30 p.m. (C) This Mass will satisfy the Easter obligation. There will be no 5:30 p.m. Mass on Holy Saturday.

NEXT WEEK: APRIL 4 - APRIL 10

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
EASTER SUNDAY BOOKSTORE OPEN 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. BABY SITTING Available at 5:30 Mass (D)	RCIA MONDAY NIGHT 7:30 p.m. (T) ST. JUDE AUTOIMMUNE SUPPORT GROUP 5:30 p.m. (PC)	WOMEN'S ACA 7:00 p.m. (D) LEGION OF MARY 7:00 p.m. (SC) SPIRITUALITY 12 STEPS 7:30 p.m. (T) YMA VESPERS 7:30 p.m. (SC)	CHRISTIAN MEDITATION 7:30 p.m. (SPC) SEPARATED AND DIVORCED (PHOENIX MINISTRY) 7:00 p.m. (SC) BAPTISM CLASS 7:15 p.m. (D)	RESPECT LIFE ROSARY 7:00 a.m. (PC)	RESPECT LIFE ROSARY 7:00 a.m. (PC)	"START RIGHT, STAY CONNECTED" Workshop for Engaged Couples 9:00 a.m. (PC)

